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TAGS: OVIP (ROSSON, GEN WILLIAM)

SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT TO ARGENTINA BY CINCSO

1. I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD BE CONSULTED REGARDING PROPOSED VISIT OF GENERAL WILLIAM B. ROSSON TO ARGENTINA FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS DURING TIME FRAME 11 TO 23 MARCH. PRIMARILY DUE TO POLITICAL EVENTS IN ARGENTINA THROUGHOUT 1973, GENERAL ROSSON HAS BEEN UNABLE TO VISIT ARGENTINA SINCE HIS DESIGNATION AS CINC, U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND IN JANUARY 1973. IN PLANNING VISITS FOR 1974 GENERAL ROSSON PROPOSED LAST NOVEMBER THAT HE VISIT ARGENTINA DURING MARCH 1974 AND WE HAVE PROCEEDED WITH INITIAL STEPS. OUR JUDGEMENT IS THAT VISIT WOULD BE HELPFUL AND TIMELY.

2. MAJ GEN WAGGENER, MILGRP COMMANDER, HAS DISCUSSED VISIT WITH CHIEF OF JOINT STAFF, MAJOR GENERAL BETTI, PROPOSING 18 TO 22 MARCH SINCE PRECEEDING WEEK WAS IMPRACTICAL FOR ARGENTINES. WE ANTICIPATE RESPONSE FROM ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES SHORTLY AFTER 5 FEBRUARY. THERE IS NO INDICATION YET WHAT RESPONSE WILL BE BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL IT WILL BE POSITIVE.

3. FYI, SHOULD GENERAL ROSSON NOT VISIT ARGENTINA IN MARCH, RESCHEDULING VISIT IN THE NEAR TERM WOULD BE DIFFICULT. WE UNDERSTAND ADMIRAL ZUMWALT PLANS TO ATTEND ARGENTINE-HOSTED INTER-AMERICAN NAVAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED AT MAR DEL PLATA IN  
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LATE APRIL. A PRELIMINARY PLAN EXISTS FOR VISIT OF GENERAL CUSHMAN TO ARGENTINA IN MAY. I AM INFORMED GENERAL ROSSON'S

SCHEDULE FOR 1974 VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES HAS BEEN FIRMED  
UP THROUGH NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER IS BEGINNING OF SUMMER HIATUS  
HERE.

4. ASSUMING ARGENTINE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED MARCH VISIT IS  
POSITIVE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR APPROVAL SO THAT WE CAN  
INFORM GENERAL ROSSON.  
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